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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re: Hall *et al.* Confirmation No. 2710  
Appl. No.: 09/632,699 Group Art Unit: 3624  
Filed: August 4, 2000 Examiner: Weisberger, Richard C.  
For: Methods and Systems for Trading Permanent Seat Licenses

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**PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.181 TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT  
IN ACCORDANCE WITH MPEP §711.03(C) AND 1156 O.G. 53**

Sir:

As set forth in MPEP § 711.03(c) and 1156 O.G. 53, Applicants hereby petition to have the holding of abandonment of the above-identified application withdrawn. The application was abandoned for failure to respond to an Office Action mailed July 5, 2002. In response, and in Petition to Withdraw the Notice of Abandonment, Applicants respectfully point out that the appropriate Amendment was timely filed via facsimile on October 2, 2002. The following materials are submitted in support of Applicants' petition:

1. a copy of the Response to Requirement for Information Under 37 C.F.R. §1.105 and Amendment;
2. an e-mail dated October 2, 2002, that was sent to Examiner Weisberger apprising him that an amendment was going to be filed and Applicants were requesting the Group fax number convenient to his location. Subsequent to his reply, the Amendment was faxed to the Examiner's fax number (703) 872-9025.
3. the Transaction Report verifying that the response was successfully transmitted to destination number (703) 872-9025.

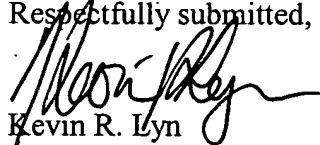
In view of the foregoing remarks and the enclosed evidence indicating that the response to the Office Action was filed with the Patent and Trademark Office on October 2, 2002, Applicants respectfully request that the instant petition be granted and that the holding of abandonment of the application be withdrawn.

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It is believed that the present petition is treated as a petition under 37 C.F.R. 1.181, and that no fee is applicable. However, if any fee is due, please charge the fee to our deposit account No. 16-0605.

Respectfully submitted,



Kevin R. Lyn

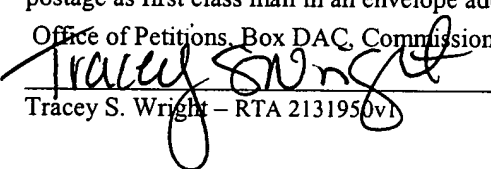
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